



Florida Agricultural Statistics Service  
1222 Woodward Street  
Orlando, Florida 32803  
407 / 648-6013  
<http://www.nass.usda.gov/fl>

# AVOCADOS

## FLORIDA AGRICULTURE



December 11, 2001

**FLORIDA:** The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is decreased from 950,000 to 900,000 bushels. This is the only change in the projected amount of shipments since the initial forecast in August. If realized, this will be about ten percent less than was shipped last season but more than the previous two.

Estimated shipments through November total almost 800,000 bushels with three months to go in the marketing season. No loss of

fruit or damage to trees was reported from Hurricane Michelle in October. Some fruit scarring, however, is reported from slightly higher than usual winds.

**CALIFORNIA:** Shipments for the first month of the marketing season (2001-02) are reported at 212,000 bushel equivalents, nearly twice the amount of last season's first month. Expected shipments for the entire season are less than the previous season.

**FLORIDA:** Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 2001-02 season,  
with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through November	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1991-92	896,300	214,700	1,111,000
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	123,000	52,000	175,000
1994-95	618,900	160,100	779,000
1995-96	633,400	110,600	744,000
1996-97	738,600	179,400	918,000
1997-98	860,400	77,600	938,000
1998-99	730,500	160,500	891,000
1999-00	801,900	41,100	843,000
2000-01	880,300	124,700	1,005,000
Estimated:			
2001-02	798,500	101,500	900,000

**CALIFORNIA:** Estimated avocado shipments, 2001-02 season, with  
comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	2000-01	2001-02 season		
	Total shipments	Shipments through December 3	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	97,000	2,000	118,000	120,000
Hass	8,029,000	195,000	7,071,000	7,266,000
Other	579,000	15,000	547,000	562,000
Total	8,705,000	212,000	7,736,000	7,948,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.